

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

The listing of claims below replaces all prior versions of the claims in the application. Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently amended) A child restraint assembly for a child vehicle seat, comprising: a buckle assembly including a buckle and at least one latch, the buckle including a buckle actuator accessible from a front surface of the buckle and slidable relative to the front surface between a first position and a second position relative along a path substantially parallel to a the front surface of the buckle to unlock the buckle assembly;

a harness coupled to the buckle assembly; and

a harness adjuster to adjust the harness, the harness adjuster including a housing and a harness adjuster actuator accessible from a front surface of the housing and movable relative to the front surface of the housing between a first position and a second position relative along a path substantially parallel to a the front surface of the housing to unlock the harness adjuster,

wherein movement of the buckle actuator from the first position to the second position is in the same direction as movement of the harness adjuster actuator from the first position to the second position.

2. (Original) A child restraint assembly according to claim 1, wherein the buckle includes an contoured grip surface, and the buckle actuator is slidable from the first position to the second position toward the contoured grip surface.

3. (Original) A child restraint assembly according to claim 2, wherein the contoured grip surface is a lower surface of the buckle.

4. (Original) A child restraint assembly according to claim 2, wherein the contoured grip surface has a medial portion flanked by two angled portions against each of which a user may brace a finger.

5. (Original) A child restraint assembly according to claim 2, wherein the contoured grip surface provides a grip against which a user can brace a finger.

6. (Original) The child restraint assembly according to claim 1, wherein the front surface of the buckle includes a recessed area, and the buckle actuator is located in the recessed area.

7. (Original) The child restraint assembly according to claim 6, wherein the recessed area includes an aperture through which the buckle actuator extends.

8. (Original) The child restraint assembly according to claim 1, wherein the buckle actuator includes a directional icon to indicate the direction of movement of the buckle actuator from the first position to the second position.

9. (Original) The child restraint assembly according to claim 1, wherein the buckle has rounded edges.

10. (Original) The child restraint assembly according to claim 1, wherein the front surface of the housing includes a recessed area, and the harness adjuster actuator is mounted within the recessed area.

11. (Original) The child restraint assembly according to claim 10, wherein the recessed area includes an aperture through which the harness adjuster actuator extends.

12. (Original) The child restraint assembly according to claim 10, wherein the front surface of the buckle includes a recessed area, and the buckle actuator is located in the recessed area.

13. (Original) The child restraint assembly of claim 12, wherein the recessed area of the housing is deeper than the recessed area of the buckle.

14. (Original) The child restraint assembly according to claim 1, wherein the harness adjuster actuator includes a directional icon to indicate the direction of movement of the harness adjuster actuator from the first position to the second position.

15. (Original) The child restraint assembly according to claim 1, wherein the housing has rounded edges.

16. (Original) The child restraint assembly according to claim 1, wherein the housing includes a grip surface that provides a grip against which a user can brace a finger.

17. (Original) The child restraint assembly according to claim 16, wherein the grip surface is a lower surface of the housing.

18. (Original) The child restraint assembly according to claim 1, wherein the buckle actuator and the harness adjuster actuator are similarly shaped.

19. (Currently amended) A child restraint assembly for a child vehicle seat, comprising:

a buckle assembly including a buckle and at least one latch, the buckle including a buckle actuator accessible from a front surface of the buckle and movable between a first position and a second position along a path substantially parallel to the front surface of the buckle to unlock the buckle assembly, the buckle including a grip surface extending substantially perpendicular to the path of the buckle actuator and being of sufficient thickness to enable a user to brace a finger against the buckle grip surface when actuating the buckle actuator;

a harness coupled to the buckle assembly; and

a harness adjuster to adjust the harness, the harness adjuster including a housing and a harness adjuster actuator accessible from a front surface of the housing and movable between a first position and a second position along a path substantially parallel to the front surface of the housing to unlock the harness adjuster, the housing including a grip surface extending substantially perpendicular to the path of the harness adjuster actuator and being of sufficient

thickness to enable a user to brace a finger against the housing grip surface when actuating the harness adjuster actuator.

20. (Original) The child restraint assembly of claim 19, wherein the buckle grip surface is a lower surface of the buckle.

21. (Original) The child restraint assembly of claim 20, wherein the buckle grip surface is contoured and includes a medial portion flanked by two angled portions against each of which a user may brace a finger.

22. (Original) The child restraint assembly of claim 19, wherein the housing grip surface is a lower surface of the housing.

23. (Original) The child restraint assembly according to claim 19, wherein the buckle actuator and the harness adjuster actuator are similarly shaped.

24. (Original) The child restraint assembly according to claim 19, further comprising a chest clip coupled to the harness, the chest clip including a male member and a female member releasably coupled to the male member, the male member having a pair of opposing grip surfaces of sufficient thickness to enable a user to grip the male member when decoupling the male member and the female member.

25-38. (Canceled)

39. (Currently amended) A harness adjuster of a child restraint assembly, comprising:

a housing; and

a harness adjuster actuator accessible from a front surface of the housing and movable between a first position and a second position along a path of movement substantially parallel to the front surface to enable adjustment of a harness of the child restraint assembly,

wherein the housing includes a grip surface extending substantially perpendicular to the path of movement and of sufficient thickness to enable a user to brace a finger against the housing grip surface when actuating the harness adjuster actuator.

40. (Currently amended) The harness adjuster according to claim 39, wherein the housing includes a ~~front surface having a~~ recessed area in the front surface, and the harness adjuster actuator is mounted within the recessed area to lie below the front surface of the housing.

41. (Original) The harness adjuster according to claim 40, wherein the recessed area includes an aperture through which the harness adjuster actuator extends.

42. (Original) The harness adjuster according to claim 39, wherein the harness adjuster actuator includes a directional icon to indicate the direction of movement of the harness adjuster actuator from the first position to the second position.

43. (Original) The harness adjuster according to claim 39, wherein the housing has rounded edges.

44. (Original) The harness adjuster according to claim 39, wherein the grip surface is a lower surface of the housing.

45 and 46. (Canceled)

47. (New) A child restraint assembly for a child vehicle seat, comprising:
a buckle assembly including a buckle and at least one latch, the buckle defining a seat-facing surface and at least one remaining buckle surface, the buckle including a buckle actuator that is accessible from the at least one remaining buckle surface and slidable relative to the at least one remaining buckle surface between a first position and a second position along a path substantially parallel to the at least one remaining buckle surface to unlock the buckle assembly;
a harness coupled to the buckle assembly; and

a harness adjuster to adjust the harness, the harness adjuster including a housing and a harness adjuster actuator, the housing defining a seat-facing surface and at least one remaining housing surface, wherein the harness adjuster actuator is accessible from the at least one remaining housing surface and movable relative to the at least one remaining housing surface between a first position and a second position along a path substantially parallel to the at least one remaining housing surface to unlock the harness adjuster,

wherein movement of the buckle actuator from the first position to the second position is in the same direction as movement of the harness adjuster actuator from the first position to the second position.